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TOPIC Military Activities of the 1st Magz Div.

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1. On 16 and 17 August 1955, the following loadings were observed at the Dallgow-Doebritz railroad station:  
16 August. At 2042, 21 T-34/85 tanks, 2 trucks, 2 field kitchens, and some 100 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets.  
 At 2254, 13 T-34/85 tanks, 2 trucks, 2 field kitchens, and about 80 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets.  
17 August. At 0113, tanks and 2 field kitchens on a train of 11 SSy-type flatcars, 2 flatcars with sideracks, and 4 converted boxcars.  
 The 3 trains were dispatched to Rathenow.  
On 17 August, the following 3 trains left for Werder:  
0319. A train of 11 SSy-type flatcars, 3 flatcars with sideracks, and 4 converted boxcars.  
0708. A train of 14 SSy-type flatcars, 2 flatcars with sideracks and 3 converted boxcars carrying 14 JS-2 tanks, 2 trucks, and 2 field kitchens.  
0811. A train with 14 JS-2 tanks, 3 trucks, and 2 field kitchens. It was learned that all 6 trains were to be forwarded to Haldensleben.

2. At 0700 on 17 August, presumably the end of a loading was observed at the Dallgow-Doebritz railroad station. The train, which was headed toward Wustermark, carried 18 JS tanks, several trucks, 1 radio truck, and 1 field kitchen. A second train, which was headed in the same direction, carried approximately 12 x 122-mm howitzers. No other details were observed because of intensive patrol duty at the station and in front of the gate of Altes Lager (2061) in Doeberitz.
3. Between 16 and 18 August, units from Adler Kaserne (2063), Loewen Kaserne (2063), Olympisches Dorf (2067), and Altes Lager (2061) in Doeberitz left toward Brandenburg and Nauen by road and rail. At about 0730 on 16 August, 8 YA-12 prime movers towing heavy AT guns left Olympisches Dorf toward Brandenburg via Buchow-Karpzow. At about 2100 on 16 August, a train which was headed toward Wustermark/Nauen, was seen at the Satzkoen railroad station. It carried 14 T-34/85 tanks and 2 T-34 tanks without turrets.

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Fresh imprints of tank

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tracks (T-34) led to the Satz Korn railroad station from the direction of Altes Lager.

Between 16 and 18 August, the following heavy weapons left the Adler and Loewen Kaserne in Doeberitz:

Adler Kaserne: 16 T-34/85 tanks, 6 JS-2 tanks, approximately 32 trucks with soldiers, and 6 trucks with field kitchens.

Loewen Kaserne: 12 trucks towing 122-mm field howitzers, 8 trucks towing 57-mm AT guns, 4 trucks towing 82-mm mortars, and some 18 trucks with personnel and towing 6 field kitchens. After the departure of the units, the installations were occupied as follows:

Altes Lager	40 to 50 percent
Adler Kaserne	60 percent
Loewen Kaserne	40 to 50 percent
Flak Kaserne (2065)	about 85 percent.

The dependents remained in the installations. It was learned that the units had left for exercises in the Behnitz (10 km. southwest of Nauen) and Gross-Kreutz (west of Werder/Havel) area.

4. At about 0645 on 17 August, 2 troop trains, which were headed westward, were seen at the Dallgow-Doeberitz railroad station. The first train carried 20 to 25 T-34/85 tanks and the second train several trucks and 1 field kitchen.

5. [redacted] 5 shipments with 22 converted boxcars, 12 flatcars, 35x4-axle flatcars, and 38x6-axle flatcars went from Dallgow to Hillersleben and 6 trains with 25 converted boxcars, 14 flatcars, and 28x4-axle flatcars from Satz Korn to Altengrabow.

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6. On 28 August, the following military shipments passed through the Wustermark railroad station en route toward Doeberitz:

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1100. 32 tanks, including some with T-34 chassis, 4 trucks, 1 field kitchen, and 5 converted boxcars.

1600. 30 tanks, including some with T-34 chassis, 4 trucks, 1 field kitchen, and 5 converted boxcars.

2000. 18 tanks, including some with T-34 chassis, 1 SU-100 gun, 3 trucks, and 4 converted boxcars. The tanks were covered by tarpaulins. The dispatching stations could not be determined.

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7. [redacted] troop trains [redacted] on 27 and 28 August:

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C/B - converted boxcar  
F - flatcar  
B - boxcar

Date in August	Number and Type of Cars	Load in Tons	From	To
27/28	4 C/B 11 F	1,200	Jaevenitz	Satz Korn
28	4 C/B 15 F	1,200	"	"
	3 C/B 16 F	1,200	"	"
	3 C/B 16 F	1,200	"	"
	3 C/B 16 F	1,200	"	"
27	5 C/B 17 F	1,200	Gardelegen	Dallgow
28	5 C/B 17 F	1,200	"	"
	5 C/B 13 F	1,200	"	"
	5 C/B 16 F	1,200	"	"
	5 C/B 13 F	1,200	"	"
	4 C/B 13 F	1,200	"	"
	5 C/B 39 F		Vinzelberg	"
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8. [redacted] troop trains on 27 and

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28 August:

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F/S - flatcars with sideracks  
 RRY) - heavy-duty flatcars  
 SSy) -

Date in August	Number and Type of Cars	Load in Tons	From	To
27/28	5 C/B, 39 F/S 1 B	1,000	Vinzelberg	Dallgow
27	5 C/B, 12 RRY, 5 F/S	1,200	Gardelegen	"
27/28	5 C/B, 12 RRY, 5 F/S	1,200	"	?
28	5 C/B, 12 RRY, 4 F/S	1,200	"	?
27	4 C/B, 9 RRY, 2 F/S	1,200	Maevenitz	Satzkorn
28	4 C/B, 9 RRY, 3 F/S, 3 SSy	1,200	"	?
	3 C/B, 14 SSy, 2 F/S	1,200	"	?

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9. Between 18 and 27 August, no activities and only guard details were observed at the Doeberitz installations and training grounds. During the night of 27/28 August, the units returned from the exercises. The artillery brigade had quite definitely returned to Olympisches Dorf on 28 August. During the night of 27/28 August, tanks were unloaded at the Dallgow railroad station. According to the imprints of the tank tracks the tanks went to Loewen and Adler Maserne. It is assumed that the ground-attack regiment stationed at the Elstal airfield also participated in the exercises, since, between 18 and 27 August, major formations of this unit (each of 25 to 30 aircraft) repeatedly left toward west and returned from this direction after 2 to 3 hours.

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Comment. The fact that the Soviets ordered that the fields in the Ketzin area west of the Doeberitz training grounds be harvested in early August tended to indicate that exercises were to be held in this area.

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